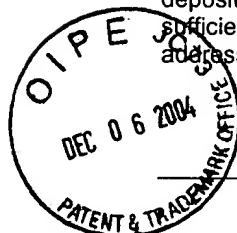


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following amended abstract, amended claims and remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract are on page 3.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 6.